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A SAP-PY MOMENT: Child-en from Cobden Elementary School huddle together to keep warm as they watch John Wallace demonstrate how maple syrup is made at Touch of Nature Environmental Learning Center on Friday. The class of first through third graders learned about how sap is collected and made into syrup. There will be a similar demonstration open to the public Saturday, February 12.

Auditors find no weakness in Pepsi contract

Illinois Legislative Audit Commission approve SIU’s final 1998 audit

JAYETTE BOLINGER
Daily Egyptian Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Apparently satisfied with the University’s legal explanation of a no-bid contract with Marion Pepsi bottler Harry Crisp, a group of Illinois legislatorsinserted only 15 minutes to unanimously approve SIU’s fiscal 1998 audits.

In fact, committee members were concerned by an audit finding that SIU professors failed to complete proper paperwork before buying computer equipment for research purposes.

A SIU representative appeared Monday before the Illinois Legislative Audit Commission in Springfield to answer questions about the Peoria-based University’s financial and compliance practices. The conclusion is responsible for oversight of the State Audit Program, which reviews the stewardship of public funds. An audit is a monitoring of actions to correct weaknesses disclosed by the audits of state agencies.

The membership consists of 12 legislators appointed by the General Assembly leadership and is equally apportioned between the two houses and political parties.

SIU representatives included employees of the University’s auditing firm, SIU general counsel Tony Burge, and Vice President for Business and Planning Services Elaine Hyder. SIU President Frank Hurst was unable to attend the hearing because of a prior commitment.

Arts media specialists said that members of the commission would question SIU representatives about the University’s 1997 no-bid contract with Crisp. The contract was created after Crisp donated $500,000 toward a new building for the University. In exchange for the donation, University officials agreed to sell only Pepsi products in basketball, football and baseball events.

Auditors showed that some paperwork wasn’t finished properly.

The contract, which was not competitively bid, is in effect until 2002.

Former SIU President Ted Sanders has been fired for the authorization and has been accused of violating bidding laws that exist for such contracts. But University officials have said all along that the contract was legal and negotiated in an appropriate manner.

Burg said Monday that he was delighted with the hearing and that the commissioners’ questions indicated, in his opinion, the validation of the commission’s agreement that the contract was appropriately negotiated.

“I have pointed [the University’s auditors] with all the contract documents,” Burg said, “and I think the fact that it did not come up as a problem to me indicates that they concur with my interpretation that it was a perfectly legal arrangement.”

The system a!Jid the work of police and firefighters are credited with the effectiveness of the fire-alarm system, and the construction of Schneider Hall were crucial ingredients to the safety of students during Sunday’s blaze.

The system was installed in 1989 by DDI with strobe lights, loud speakers, and coordination of police and fire departments.

The college also developed the Writing Center, where any student can improve his or her writing skills. The center has three locations: Faser Hall, Trueblood Hall and the Leear Law Building.

Dean Scott plans to expand additional funding for COLA as a result of the enrollment increase.

COLA is developing a program called the Academic Search Network, which will include students to find jobs in various fields. The network will aid students whose jobs have not related directly to liberal arts.

“The job market is changing left and right, and liberal arts skills are beneficial to all jobs,” Scott said.
CARBONDALE

A Carbondale man was built up by four men in the parking lot of Carle, 760 S. Grand Ave., according to a police report.

Carbondale police say four men lose the scene in a white car with a white vinyl top. The suspects have not been located and police continue to investigate the incident.

An SIUC student told Carbondale police someone entered his unlocked car and stole a ’120 blue hooded Abercrombie and Fitch winter coat. The incident occurred between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday in the 500 block of Main Street. There are no suspects in this incident.

A Carbondale man and woman were assaulted on campus and later located with Carbondle police after a white car hit the 400 block of East Main Street at 1:05 p.m. Sunday. Police said Carbondle Sullivan was driving a car without a driver’s license, and when taken to the police department she gave the names of a suspect. Police searched Deica Cole, a passenger and herself in the car. During the search, Cole showed an officer and said police. When he was apprehended police said they found 16 oxycodone pills in her possession. Cole was subsequently charged with possession of a controlled substance and aggravated battery of a police officer.

UNIVERSITY

Debra L. Fugh, 18, of Carbondale was arrested after a report made by the Illinois Department of Corrections for parole violation at 10:29 a.m. Sunday. Fugh was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

A 17-year-old student told university police someone broke the passenger-side rear taillight on a car parked in Lot 106 between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Monday. Police said the estimated loss is less than $100. There are no suspects in this incident.

An 18-year-old student told university police someone broke the windows of their car on the campus of the Illinois State Police site between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Police said there is no description of the vehicle.

A 21-year-old student said he received a series of phone calls between 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Sunday. University police have no suspects in this incident.

A university police officer reported a graffiti on a wall in the 100 block of Main St. Sunday. There are no suspects in this incident.

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Jackson County judge to step down in April

William Schwartz to take presiding position

David Ferrara
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Jackson County Judge David W. Watt Jr. will step down from presiding judge on April 15. He will probably remain in the county courthouse, which houses four other judges, as a circuit judge, a courthouse employee said.

On April 3, Circuit Judge William G. Schwartz will replace the 56-year-old Watt.

Watt circulated a memo Jan. 35 expressing his reservation from the presiding position. Watt has been in Jackson County since 1990 as presiding judge. He was retained in 1994. Watt began in Jackson County in 1982 as an associate judge. A presiding judge leads cases to the circuit and associate judges in the courthouse. As a circuit judge, Watt serves up to 54 cases, he said.

Currently, he typically handles tre felony cases as the presiding judge. Schwartz handles mostly civil and juvenile cases.

There was no indication whether Watt's courtroom duties would change. He was out of town Monday and Schwartz was unavailable for comment.

In December, USG senators passed a resolution to establish a constituency review board for Judicial Affairs and passed a resolution requesting the church to review a specific student's case in Judicial Affairs. In order to amend the Student Conduct Code, a recognized constitutional, like USG, must request the chancellor appoint a committee to consider amendments to the code.

According to the Student Conduct Code, there are a lot of issues to discuss. It depends on how often they meet, but the intent is to have it completed by the end of the semester so no one can make any changes adopted.

Jeff Parrodi
Invesigator, USG for the Student Affairs

Carbondale

MCMA holding reception, installing plaque today

The College of Arts Communication and Media (CACT) is holding a reception today at 5:30 p.m. in room 1032 of the Communications Building to recognize the donors and staff that comprise the College of Communications and Fine Arts.

The reception is a special event from the college from 1970 to 1993, before it became MCMA.

A plaque will be installed and refreshments will be served at the reception.

For more information, contact Clare Mitchell at 453-4308.

Oops theater troupe to perform today

A live performance of, "It ain't my fault... When Relationships Go Bad," will be presented tonight at 7 in the Student Auditorium. The performance, presented by members of the African-American theater troupe Oops Entertainment, division of two comic skits demonstrating the ups and downs of relationships and coincides with Black History Month.

For more information on the event, contact Vicki Montana at 453-5714.

AIDS walk needs planners for the event

Volunteers throughout Southern Illinois are needed for an AIDS walk that will occur next fall. The Southern Illinois Regional Efforts for AIDS Inc. is in the process of organizing the walk and needs people to help plan the event. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend the next SIREA meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Carbardinle Nutrition Center, 713 S. Washington St.

UNPA seeking nominations for awards in spring

The University Women's Professional Advancement will be awarding the University Women's Professional Recognition award in April. Nominations are needed from any organization or individual and should be submitted to Dr. Jewell H. They may be given to faculty, students, civil service employees and administrative staff.

For more information on the award or on the nomination form call 453-1366.

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A presentation on eating disorders will be held on February 8 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the MacDonnell Room in the Student Center.

This is a U-card approved event.
Building and sustaining excellence should be the goal of everyone associated with SIU. Without thinking big and having the drive to follow through on those dreams, the University will be unable to establish itself among the premier universities in the country. The University has been criticized, and rightly so, for lacking aggressive, ambitious leadership since the Deylin Morris era. That is why SIU deserves special praise for its proactive handling of Bruce Weber's contract.

Weber, SIU men's basketball head coach, was recently given his four-year contract worth $200,000 a year, in addition to his other benefits and incentive clauses. The contract is unusual for SIU because of the relatively high salary and the long-term nature of the contract. The lone place among the top couple paid coaches among the 10 Missouri Valley Conference schools.

There will inevitably be a handful of faculty and other observers who complain about the size of Weber's contract, questioning whether the money would be better spent on something that more directly benefits academics. While it is true that there are numerous esthetes on campus in need of better funding, those complaints are faulty.

Weber is in his second year at SIU. With each victory that Weber wins at the Salukis, he becomes more attractive to other universities. In the ultra-competitive world of college basketball, offering Weber attractive compensation is necessary for SIU to retain him long-term than to seek a better-paying job elsewhere. And while the contract does not guarantee Weber will stay in Carbondale, it was superbly constructed, forcing any school that might hire Weber before his contract expires to compensate SIU.

For those familiar with Saluki basketball, there is little question SIU is extremely fortunate to have Weber as coach. Weber has an incredible work-ethic, spending endless hours prepping his team, studying other teams, recruiting. Raising money, and doing all the tasks that go into running a successful basketball program. Not only is Weber an excellent strategist and recruiter, but he is also a good Family man and an all-around class individual. As SIU's most visible employee, he is a tremendous ambassador for the University.

Weber was making more than $100,000 a year prior to his new deal, and $50,000 toward his new annual pay is coming from private donations generated by the SIU Foundation. That money would not go to the Theatre Department, or the Engineering Department, or any other scholastic program. That money came from alumni and local businesses who specifically laid down the cash to keep Weber's basketball reach at SIU.

The Foundation issubmission for demonstrating that a successful fund-raising campaign can take place at SIU. The Foundation set a clear cut-off point for Weber's contract, at $275,000 a year. Weber's salary has been doubled since he arrived. However, it is not applied for Division I basketball coaches to be paid large sums of money. Regardless of whether that says anything good or bad about Weber, it is rather a statement of the depression status the athletics or the Salukis will be left in the dust.

Athletics is an integral part of college life, and basketball has long been the bread and butter of SIU sports. Not only does it have an exciting basketball team that can attract fans for the University. Instead of griping about how much Weber is earning, we should take his new contract as an example of the University aggressively reaching for excellence, and we should be more likely to think that the norm across the board at SIU.
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Audit reveals evidence of faulty record keeping

SPRINGFIELD — The University's failure to keep adequate documentation of student financial aid and admission exceptions was addressed by SIU officials during a hearing before the Illinois Legislative Audit Commission in Springfield.

As ajud of SIU's died year financial aid compliance practices were the informations. Elaine Hyden, vice president for Budget and Planning Services, told members of the commission that University officials have addressed the problems. According to audit findings, the University did not keep adequate records of equipment purchases through 2000. One review of 173 tested pieces, valued at $3,268, were loan or a single faculty member without proper assistance documentation on file.

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Saturday morning after trying to sell a car stereo in the area. Timothy E. Paris was charged with failure to appear in a car stereo in the area. Timothy E. Paris was charged with failure to appear in a car stereo in the area.

Commissioner prompts university to address the problem

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Comic Stripette

Annie told me you could help get rid of my cold.

Oh yeah. You sit tight and make yourself at home. I'll be right back.

Hey!

Names Bonog Smoke me if Ya got need.

Oh, my...

Shirley, Yau probably don't remember me since I haven't been a strolling since December. Self-augie is tested.

SECRET ENDING TO SCREAM 2:

The "Screamer" in this world, as well as the puppet-mater behind all of the murders in the earlier flies, was Sydney Peacock's probably unknown half-brother, Roman Bridger.

New sock in that dishwashing liquid!

Shoot Me Now!

Hello. Is this thing on? Test...

I'm Shirley. You probably don't remember me since I haven't been a strolling since December. Self-augie is tested.

Doonesbury

by Carry Trudeau

Mixed Media

by Jack Ohman

Mother Goose and Grimm

by Mike Peters

Daily Crossword

Solutions
**Kansas City, Mo. —** In a radical departure from one of its historic tenets, the NCAA might be softening its stance on amateurism.

Specifically, NCAA governing bodies are considering legislation that would allow athletes to return to the college ranks even after they have competed professionally in the same sport.

NBA star Kobe Bryant said the court in a UCLA stadium — even after his career with the Los Angeles Lakers, he announced.

"If this goes through, it will have one of the greatest impacts on amateurism that we have ever seen," Kansas State University athletic director Max Auck said. "And I think it’s a dangerous direction to go.""I'm scared to death of it." Current rules preclude athletes from competing at the collegiate level once they have accepted pay to play. In the past few seasons, players who are seen in the NBA draft automatically nullify their collegiate eligibility — regardless of whether they play in a single competitive minute.

The NCAA hopes to allow at least one return to the college in time if their professional pursuits fall flat. Players such as former Wichita State star Mario Chalmers, who jumped straight to the NBA in 1998 but found the going tough, could return to the International Basketball League, could return to a college team.

"The current amateurism has long since disappeared from Olympic competition. Not only has the term "amateur" been removed from eligibility, but certain rules pertaining to the movement. "It seems like that’s not fair." Better legislation probably would penalize the athlete a year of eligibility for every year that he or she is in the professional ranks.

Weber’s incentives include an extra million dollars in bonus money if his team wins the Missouri Valley Conference and a $50,000 department grant, Jones said. "I think every direction for the University.

"If we want to have a winning program, we have to invest in our coaching, among other things, including facilities and scholarships," Jones said. "That’s the key to the future of the program."

Calahan said he was not surprised that Weber had not known how important the scholarship money was until the right direction for the University.

"I think if we get a quality person with a bit of ability, you’re going to have to pay them," Calahan said. "And to me, it’s justifiable. Since basketball is the highest profit sport at SIU, I’m glad he is here instead of somewhere else."
Homestead
last chance to
shake bad habit

Seven guest left, five set at home.
Starting Thursday, three straight games at the SIU Arena against ostensibly easy teams.

An unprecedented

But to do so, you'll have to shake off a disturbing habit of falling in ill-timed performances.

Look off a 2-1 road trip that started with impressive, turnover-ridden victories but was dampened by a devastating loss to the University of Northern Iowa, the Salukis are in good shape to make a final-season push for the Missouri Valley Conference title.

The Salukis will stroll onto the SIU Arena floor against Wichita State University Thursday night sporting a record of 13-9 overall and 7-4 in the MVC. SIU is tied with Bradley for second place, two games behind league-leading Indiana State University.

Monday night, the Salukis lost to the Bradley Braves by 35 points in the teams' first meeting in Terre Haute, Ind., but the Salukis have still to bounce back and come away with a victory. Monday night, the Salukis fell 71-57.

The Salukis have played brilliantly some of the time, only to regress into lackluster performances.

SIU was riding a season-best four-game winning streak headed into a home game against Creighton Jan. 18. Instead of maintaining their momentum, the Salukis played poorly and lost to the Bluejays, then played dismal basketball in a loss to Saint Louis University.

Another prime example of SIU's sporadic play came on the just completed road trip. SIU looked outstanding in its 81-58 win at the University of Evansville, only to turn around and lose by 14 to a Northern Iowa team that lost in next game to Bradley 80-39.

Those are the type of let-downs that have played the Salukis' post-season chances, 

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Missouri Valley Conference Standings

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Wichita State and Bradley were the teams statistically at the top of the Valley.

The SIU senior Malentine Bailey wrestles for control of a loose ball with an Evansville player. SIU lost 71-58 loss at SIU Arena. The Salukis fell to the University of Northern Iowa Monday night, 71-57. Freshman guard Molly McDowell led the Salukis with 13 points.

Panthers' Allison Starr pours in 22 points as UNI upsets the Salukis 71-57

Cory McGun
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The SIU women's basketball team was unable to turn back from a dominating first half by University of Northern Iowa star Allison Starr Monday night, as the Salukis fell 71-57.

Start scored 17 of the Panthers' 21 first-half points. Starr, who was on fire from behind the three-point line, was 4-for-4 from three-point land and finished with a game-high 22 points.

UNI, on the other hand, managed to getoffensive rebounds, which enabled in extra short attempts. The Panthers recorded 15 second-chance points.

SIU (6-14, 3-8) played a solid opportunity to gain some ground in the Missouri Valley Conference standings. Even more disheartening is the loss of momentum the Salukis had gained after a hard-fought victory over Bradley University Saturday.

"I really wish this is one of our worst losses of the year coming off's with after six-week losing streak," Beck said.

"It was a great opportunity for us to step up in our game and move up in the standings. I am very disappointed that we didn't do it." There was a bright spot for SIU, as freshman guard Molly McDowell showed signs of life. McDowell led the Salukis in scoring with 13 points, including three three-pointers.

"It's good to see her in double digits," Beck said.

Webber's contract reaps more than just personal benefits

Reaction to Weber's signing positive among peers in athletic department

Audi Ecker
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Brace Weber's contract extension may be investment for the entire athletic department and could reap just as many benefits off the court.

With the addition of Weber, SIU's head basketball coach, signed a contract last year giving him a base salary of $200,000 for the next four years, plus incentives.

Players and coaches alike have applauded the athletic department's effort to keep Weber around for the long-haul.

Kent Williams, a highly-recruited SIU freshman basketball player from Mizzou Venues, thinks Weber's new deal will be a chance for his coach to show off his recruiting skills. Williams said Weber was the biggest factor in his decision to sign with the Salukis.

"He personally sold me," Williams said.

Williams said he was looking for stability in a four-year institution and did not want to change schools in the middle of his collegiate career. He said that during the recruiting visit, Weber said his "hoped" he would be able to coach all four years.

"Now, he will be able to guarantee it.

Not only will the contract have an impact on Weber's players, but it could affect other areas of the athletic department.

Don Callahan, SIU head baseball coach, said the benefits of Weber's contract may be felt by other sport.

"I think there are some people here at the University, not just athletics, that realize that basketball is our marque sports," Callahan said. "And if we are going to be as well in basketball, there is a good chance that there will be a side-effect effect."